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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : PATENT APPLICATION  
ROBERT E. REUTER ET AL. : HYBRID OFFICE PANEL CONSTRUCTION  
(Con. of SN 08/864,138 : FOR A MODULAR OFFICE FURNITURE  
filed May 28, 1997) : SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the following amendment be made prior to the examination of this application:

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, after the title and before the Background of the Invention, please add the title "Related Application", and the sentence "This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/864,138, filed May 28, 1997".

Page 6, line 21, please insert the following new paragraph:

Figure 6A is an enlarged view of the encircled area of Figure 6 further illustrating a flexible sight barrier.

✓ Page 13, line 19, delete "6B" and insert --6A--.

✓ Page 13, line 22, delete "6B" and insert --6A--.